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DAREDEVIL

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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



GUEST STARRING:
THE THING! BUT, IT'S A
BRIEF APPEARANCE! DON'T BLINK
YOUR EYES OR YOU'LL MISS HIM!

MARVEL'S NEWEST SMASH SENSATION
BATTLES THE SUPER-POWERFUL
"ELECTRO!"
DIFFERENT! DARING! DYNAMIC!



DAREDEVIL "The EVIL MENACE of **ELECTRO!!**"

STORY:
STAN LEE
ART:
JOE ORLANDO
INKING:
VINCE COLLETTA
LETTERING:
S. ROSEN

WHAT CHANCE DOES A BLIND MAN HAVE OF
DEFEATING ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS
ARCH-VILLAINS OF ALL TIME? MORE CHANCE
THAN YOU THINK... IF HIS NAME HAPPENS TO BE...

DAREDEVIL !!



ELECTRO! THIS SENSATIONAL
SUPER-POWERED CRIMINAL BECAME
AN INSTANT SENSATION WHEN HE
FIRST APPEARED IN *THE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN #9!* AND NOW HE
RETURNS, MORE SINISTER THAN EVER,
TO FACE ANOTHER MIGHTY MARVEL SUPER
HERO... AND THIS, THE THRILLING ACCOUNT
OF THEIR EPIC BATTLE, MAY WELL BE REMEMBERED
AS LONG AS LITERATURE ENDURES !!

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WELCOME TO THE OFFICES OF **NELSON AND MURDOCK, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW!** YOU'RE JUST IN TIME! THE ACTION AND SUSPENSE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN WITHIN SECONDS... ALTHOUGH FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON DOESN'T SUSPECT IT AS HE LONGINGLY WATCHES LOVELY KAREN PAGE ENTER HIS PRIVATE OFFICE...

MR. NELSON, PREPARE YOURSELF! WE HAVE A MOST **UNUSUAL** CLIENT OUTSIDE!

REALLY, KAREN? WELL, ASK HIM TO WAIT A FEW MINUTES WHILE I FINISH SOME NOTES! AND DON'T EVER CHANGE THAT CRAAAZY PERFUME YOU'RE WEARING!

EXACTLY 17 SECONDS LATER...

NOW HEAR THIS, BUTTERCUP!! THE EVER-LOVIN' **THING** DOESN'T WAIT FOR **ANY-ONE!**

THE THING! I-I DIDN'T REALIZE! KAREN DIDN'T TELL ME! **UULP! OUR DOOR!**

OKAY, OKAY! DON'T GET YOUR TONSILS IN AN UPROAR! HMM... THEY JUST DON'T MAKE THESE DOORS LIKE THEY USED TO!

JUST SIT TIGHT WHILE I FORCE THE TWO PIECES TOGETHER! YA MIGHT CALL THIS **INSTANT WELDING**, BUT IT WORKS!

NOW LET'S TALK BUSINESS! UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN LIVING ON MARS, YOU KNOW THAT I BELONG TO THE GOOD OL' **FANTASTIC FOUR!** AND WE WANT YOU TO DO SOME LEGAL WORK ON OUR **LEASE!**

THE LEASE ON OUR SKYSCRAPER SHACK IS UP FOR **RENEWAL**, AND WE WANT A LAWYER TO CHECK IT BEFORE WE SIGN OUR MONICKERS TO IT!

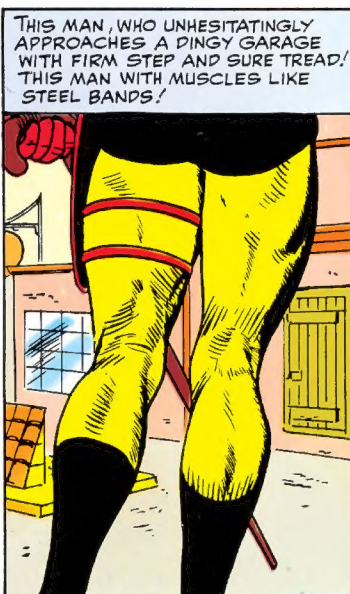
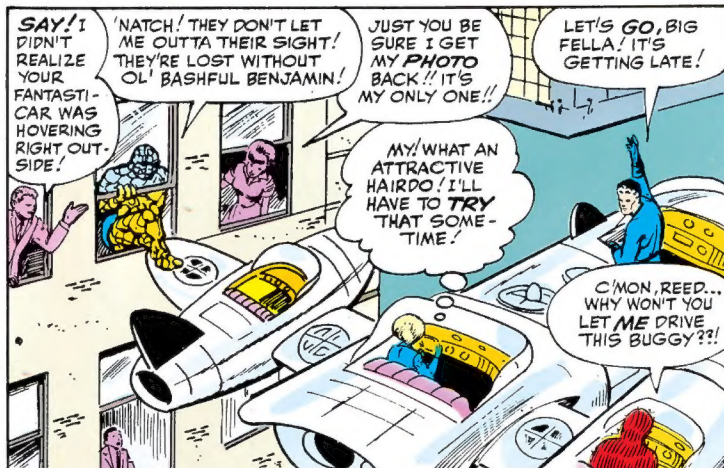
SORRY, I DON'T HANDLE LEASES! MY PARTNER **MR. MURDOCK** KNOWS MORE ABOUT THEM! BUT, I WONDER...?

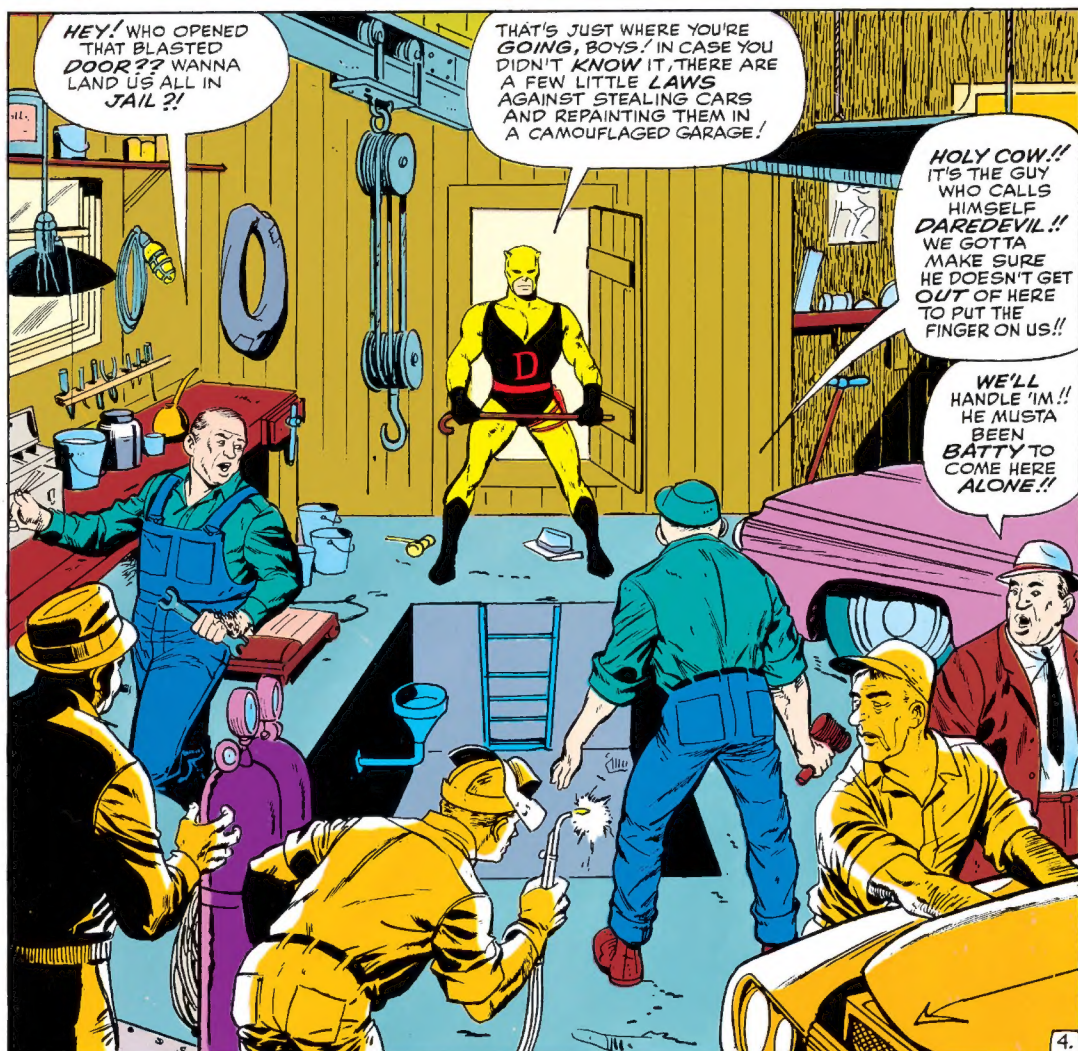
SORRY, BLUE EYES! NO AUTOGRAPHS! US CELEBRITIES CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE ON GETTIN' WRITER'S CRAMP!

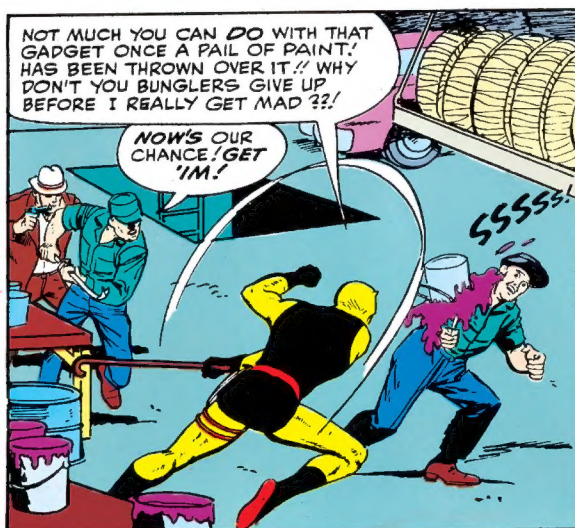
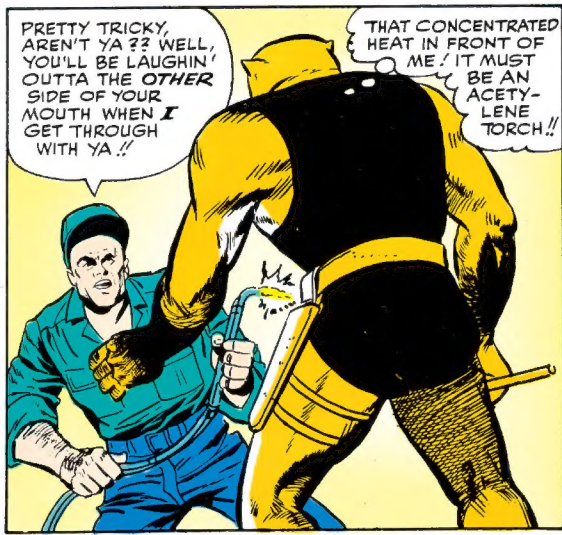
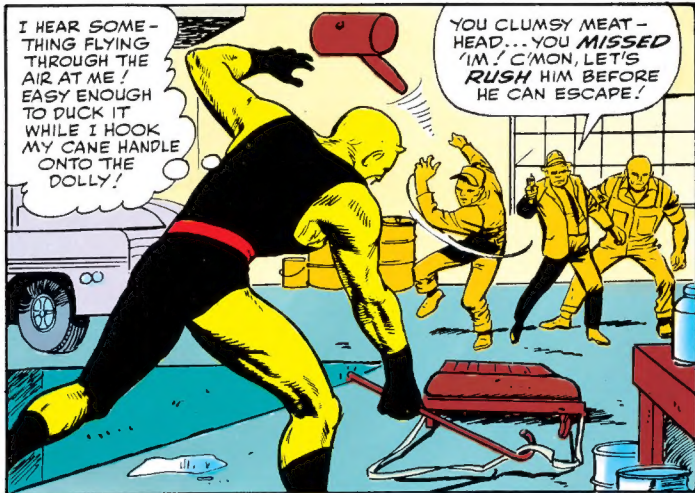
I WASN'T GOING TO ASK FOR AN AUTOGRAPH, MR....EH, THING! I WAS JUST GOING TO CHECK MATT MURDOCK'S APPOINTMENT PAD TO SEE IF HE'S EXPECTED BACK SOON!

YOU DON'T **WANT** MY AUTOGRAPH?? YOU MUST BE SOME KINDA **NUT!**

WELL, LOOK... I AIN'T GOT TIME TO HANG AROUND HERE! THE F.F. ARE WAITING OUTSIDE FOR ME! WE'RE GOIN' TO WASHINGTON... D.C., THAT IS... TO GET ANOTHER MEDAL FOR OUR PINK LITTLE HOPE CHESTS!







NIMBLY LANDING NEAR A PILE OF TIRES, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR USES THEM AS WHIRLING WEAPONS!!

WITH THE SOUND OF THEIR FOOTSTEPS, AND THEIR BREATHING TO GUIDE ME, I CAN'T MISS!

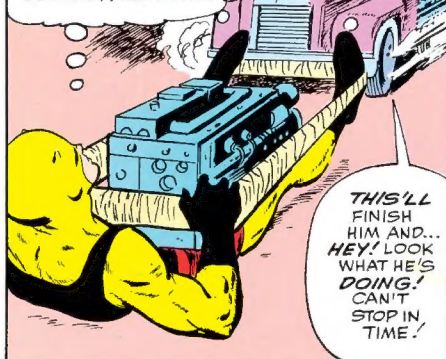


BUT SUDDENLY, THE MASKED ADVENTURER HALTS IN HIS TRACKS, HIS SUPER-SHARP SENSES ANALYZING A NEW, MENACING SOUND!

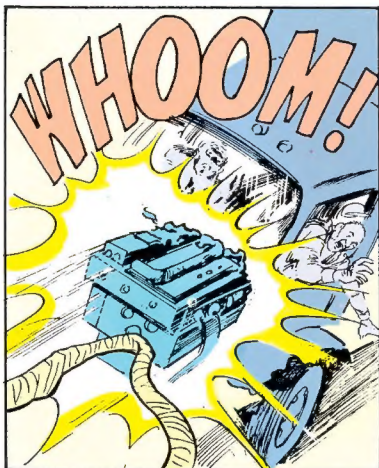


THE SOUND OF A TRUCK STARTING! COMING TOWARDS ME! I HAVEN'T ENOUGH ROOM TO DODGE! ONLY ONE THING TO DO...!!

I'LL USE A TIRE AS A SLINGSHOT, AND THIS ENGINE AS A MISSILE! THE SOUND IS GETTING CLOSER... JUST ONE MORE SECOND, AND NOW...



THIS'LL FINISH HIM AND... HEY! LOOK WHAT HE'S DOING! CAN'T STOP IN TIME!

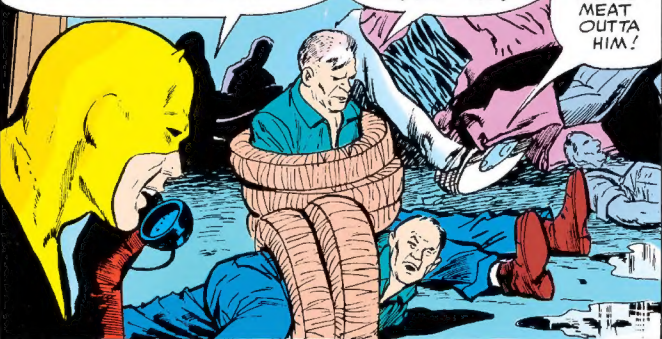


A FEW SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE SMOKE HAS CLEARED...

THAT'S RIGHT, LIEUTENANT! YOU'LL FIND THE ENTIRE GANG OF CAR THIEVES HERE, ALL GIFT-WRAPPED FOR YOU! ALTHOUGH I'M SORRY THEIR BOSS WASN'T HERE!

I WOULDN'T WANNA BE IN DAREDEVIL'S SHOES WHEN THE BOSS FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS!

YEAH! ELECTRO WILL MAKE MINCE-MEAT OUTTA HIM!



ELECTRO!! THE MASTER OF ELECTRICITY! THE ARCH-VILLAIN WHO ALMOST DEFEATED THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN HIMSELF NOT LONG AGO!! * THE SUPER-MENACE WHO IS WATCHING THE ENTIRE SCENE RIGHT NOW!!

BAH! I WAS BORED WITH STEALING CARS, ANYWAY!



* SPIDER-MAN #9...EDITOR

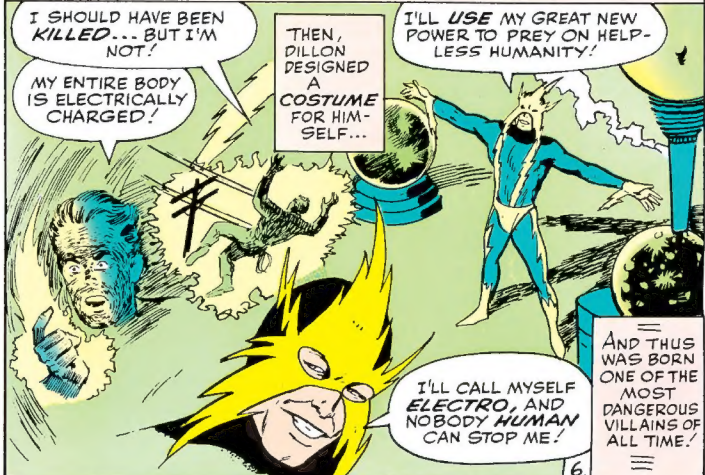
WHO IS ELECTRO?? HOW DID HE BECOME THE EVIL MONARCH OF ELECTRICITY HE IS? FOR THOSE OF YOU LUCKLESS ENOUGH TO HAVE MISSED SPIDER-MAN #9, WE'LL REVEAL THAT HE ONCE HAD BEEN AN ELECTRIC LINEMAN NAMED MAX DILLON! ONE DAY, WHILE ON A HIGH-TENSION REPAIR JOB...LIGHTNING STRUCK HIM...

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED... BUT I'M NOT!

MY ENTIRE BODY IS ELECTRICALLY CHARGED!

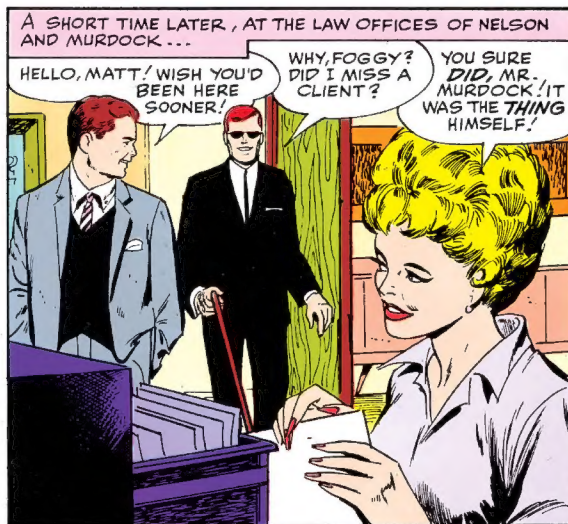
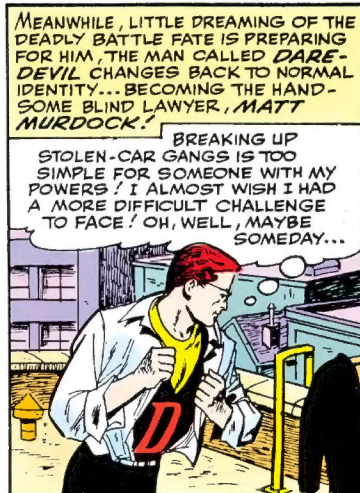
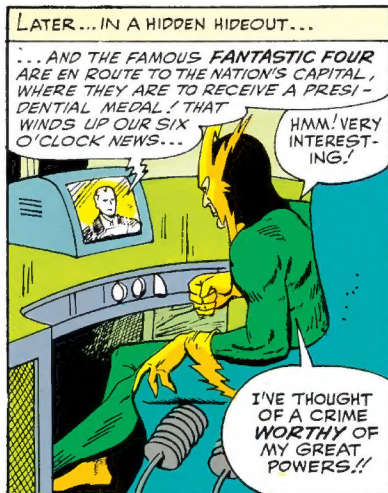
THEN, DILLON DESIGNED A COSTUME FOR HIMSELF...

I'LL USE MY GREAT NEW POWER TO PREY ON HELPLESS HUMANITY!



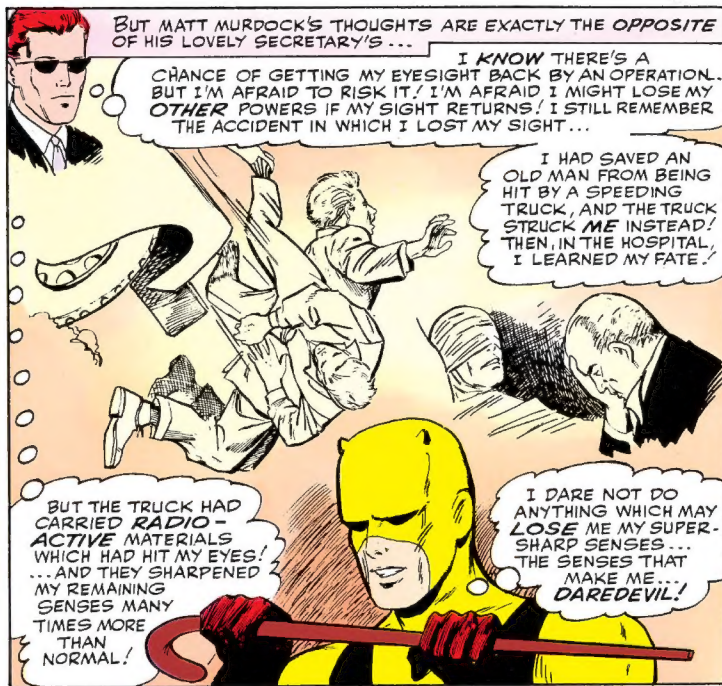
I'LL CALL MYSELF ELECTRO, AND NOBODY HUMAN CAN STOP ME!

AND THUS WAS BORN ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS VILLAINS OF ALL TIME!





POOR MATT MURDOCK! HE'S SO HANDSOME ... SO INTELLIGENT... SO DOGGONE **WONDERFUL!** I'D MARRY HIM IN A MINUTE, EVEN THOUGH HE'S BLIND... IF ONLY HE'D ASK ME! BUT, FOR **HIS** SAKE, I PRAY HE'LL REGAIN HIS SIGHT SOMEDAY!



BUT MATT MURDOCK'S THOUGHTS ARE EXACTLY THE **OPPOSITE** OF HIS LOVELY SECRETARY'S ...

I **KNOW** THERE'S A CHANCE OF GETTING MY EYESIGHT BACK BY AN OPERATION... BUT I'M AFRAID TO RISK IT! I'M AFRAID I MIGHT LOSE MY **OTHER** POWERS IF MY SIGHT RETURNS! I STILL REMEMBER THE ACCIDENT IN WHICH I LOST MY SIGHT ...

I HAD SAVED AN OLD MAN FROM BEING HIT BY A SPEEDING TRUCK, AND THE TRUCK STRUCK **ME** INSTEAD! THEN, IN THE HOSPITAL, I LEARNED MY FATE.

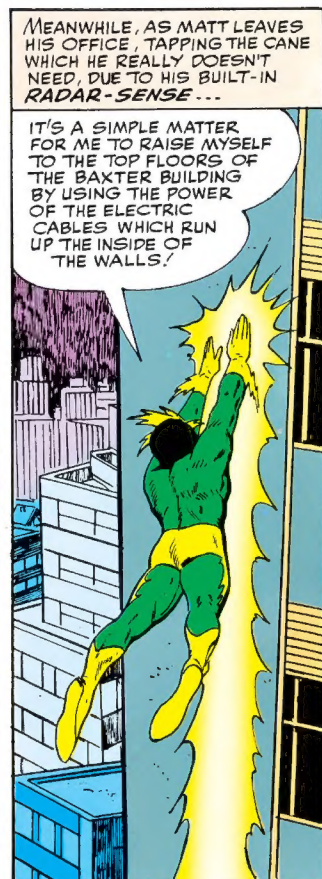
BUT THE TRUCK HAD CARRIED **RADIO-ACTIVE** MATERIALS WHICH HAD HIT MY EYES! ... AND THEY SHARPENED MY REMAINING SENSES MANY TIMES MORE THAN NORMAL!

I DARE NOT DO ANYTHING WHICH MAY **LOSE** ME MY SUPER-SHARP SENSES ... THE SENSES THAT MAKE ME... **DAREDEVIL!**



SO, I MUST CONTINUE TO REFUSE THE OPERATION, FOR I'D RATHER BE BLIND AND BE **DAREDEVIL**, THAN BE AN AVERAGE NORMAL MAN!

I'LL BE BACK AFTER I'VE CHECKED THE F.F. HEAD-QUARTERS! TAKE ANY MESSAGES FOR ME!

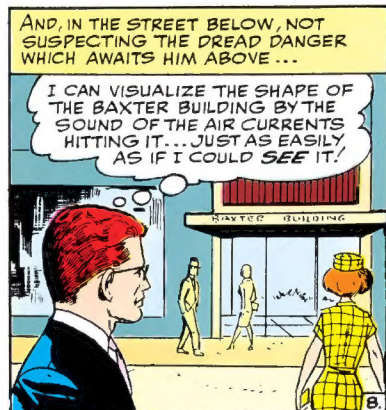


MEANWHILE, AS MATT LEAVES HIS OFFICE, TAPPING THE CANE WHICH HE REALLY DOESN'T NEED, DUE TO HIS BUILT-IN **RADAR-SENSE** ...

IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME TO RAISE MYSELF TO THE TOP FLOORS OF THE BAXTER BUILDING BY USING THE POWER OF THE ELECTRIC CABLES WHICH RUN UP THE INSIDE OF THE WALLS!



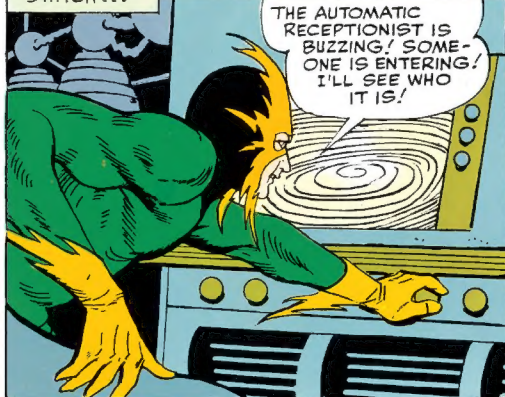
AND, BEING MASTER OF ELECTRICITY, I CAN DE-ACTIVATE ALL OF **MR. FANTASTIC'S** ELECTRONIC ALARMS, THEREBY ENTERING THROUGH THE WINDOW WITH EASE!



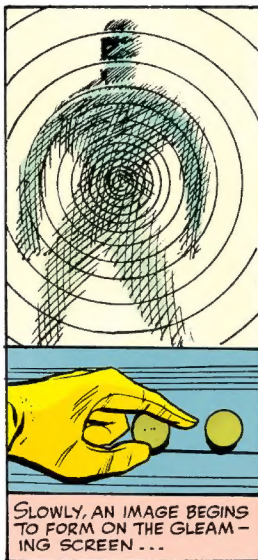
AND, IN THE STREET BELOW, NOT SUSPECTING THE DREAD DANGER WHICH AWAITS HIM ABOVE ...

I CAN VISUALIZE THE SHAPE OF THE BAXTER BUILDING BY THE SOUND OF THE AIR CURRENTS HITTING IT... JUST AS EASILY AS IF I COULD **SEE** IT!

THEN, MATT MURDOCK REACHES THE TOWER FLOOR OF THE BAXTER BUILDING, ADMITTED INTO THE GUARDED AREA BECAUSE THE ELECTRONIC ALARM DEVICES MATCH HIS FACE WITH THE PHOTOGRAPH THEY HAVE BEEN "FED"! BUT, SUDDENLY HIS SUPER-SHARP SENSES REACT TO A FEELING OF DANGER, AND HE INSTANTLY CHANGES INTO... **DAREDEVIL**, SECONDS BEFORE ELECTRO TOUCHES A VISOR-SWITCH...



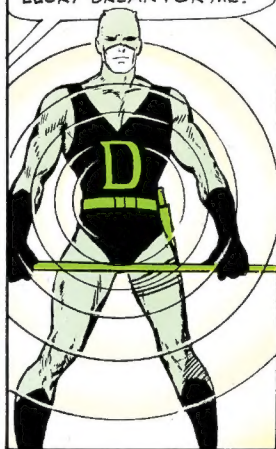
THE AUTOMATIC RECEPTIONIST IS BUZZING! SOMEONE IS ENTERING! I'LL SEE WHO IT IS!



SLOWLY, AN IMAGE BEGINS TO FORM ON THE GLEAMING SCREEN...

AN IMAGE WHICH REVEALS...

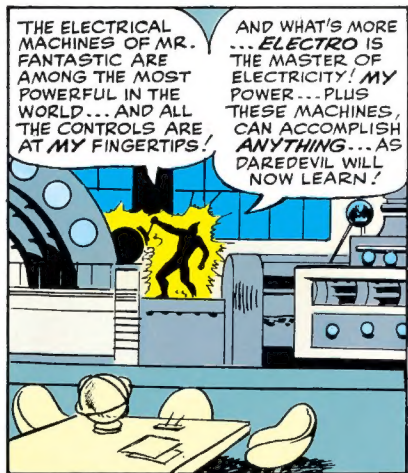
DAREDEVIL! THE ONE WHO SMASHED MY AUTO THEFT GANG! WHAT A LUCKY BREAK FOR ME!



I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S HERE... BUT HE'S GIVING ME A CHANCE TO GET MY **REVENGE** ON HIM FOR SPOILING MY LITTLE SIDE-LINE!



HE MOVES CAUTIOUSLY... AS THOUGH HE'S EXPECTING DANGER! BUT HE CAN'T **POSSIBLY** EXPECT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT!



THE ELECTRICAL MACHINES OF MR. FANTASTIC ARE AMONG THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD... AND ALL THE CONTROLS ARE AT MY FINGERTIPS!

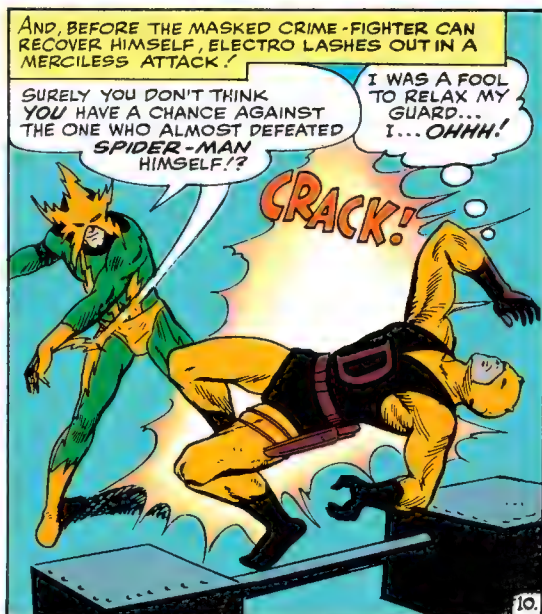
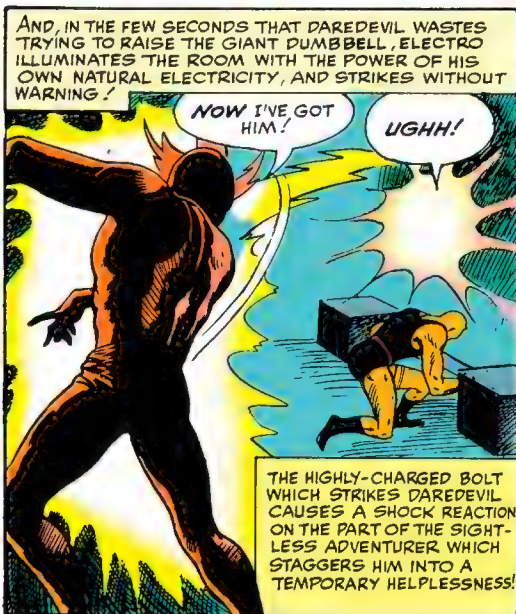
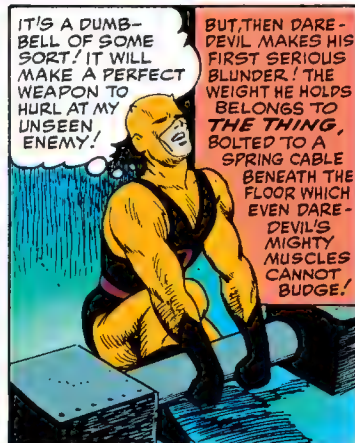
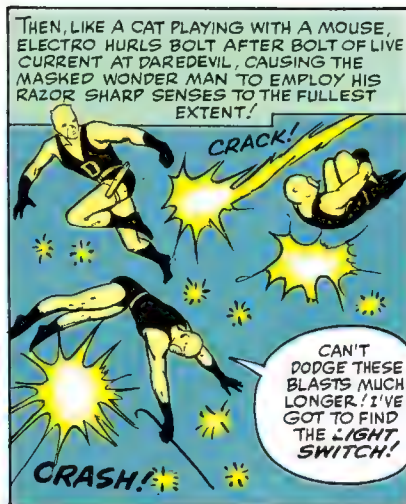
AND WHAT'S MORE... **ELECTRO** IS THE MASTER OF ELECTRICITY! MY POWER... PLUS THESE MACHINES, CAN ACCOMPLISH **ANYTHING**... AS DAREDEVIL WILL NOW LEARN!

AT THAT INSTANT, THE MASKED CRIME-FIGHTER'S UNCANNY HEARING DETECTS THE SOUND OF AN ELECTRICAL CHARGE BEING ACTIVATED... BUT, BEFORE HE CAN ACT...



I HEAR A MIGHTY **DYNAMO** BEING CHARGED! IT MEANS THAT SOMEONE IS... **UHH!!**

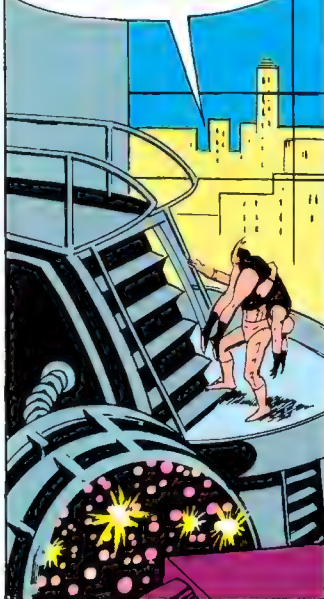
I'M SURROUNDED BY A VIBRATING WALL OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY!! IT'S CLOSING IN ON ME... ABOUT TO ELECTROCUTE ME!!



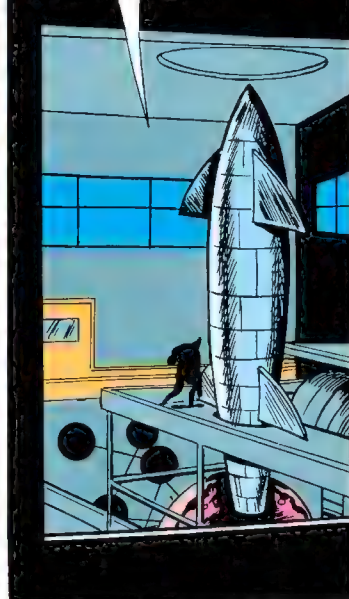
HE STRUCK HIS HEAD AGAINST THE GIANT DUMBBELL! HE'LL BE UNCONSCIOUS LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO MAKE SURE HE CAN NEVER INTERFERE WITH ELECTRO AGAIN!



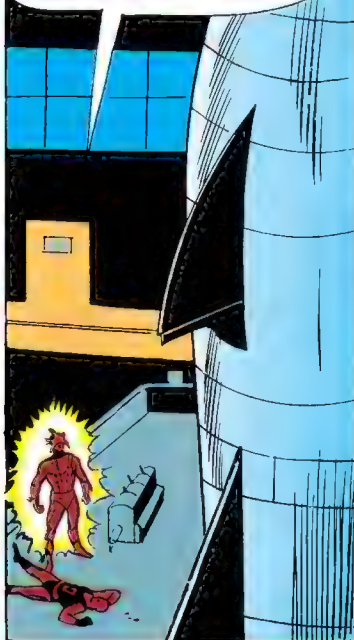
I MUST FIND A FITTING FATE FOR HIM... ONE WORTHY OF THE INGENUITY OF THE MASTER OF ELECTRICITY! HERE, AMONG THE MARVELOUS POSSESSIONS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, I'M SURE TO FIND WHAT I WANT!



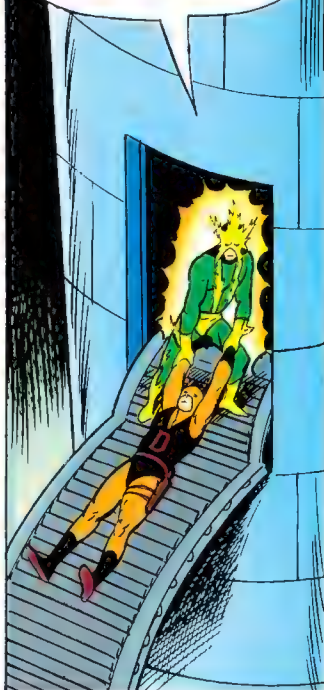
OF COURSE! HERE IT IS!! HOW PERFECT! HOW SIMPLE... AND HOW FOOLPROOF! HERE IS THE WORLD-FAMOUS SKY-SCRAPER ROCKET LAUNCHER OF THE FF!!



ALL I NEED DO IS PUT THE HELPLESS BODY OF **DAREDEVIL** ABOARD THE SHIP AND SEND IT FAR OUT INTO SPACE... ON AN ETERNAL ONE-WAY JOURNEY!! WHEN THE BEWILDERED FANTASTIC FOUR RETURN, THEY'LL THINK DAREDEVIL HAD **STOLEN** THEIR ROCKET!

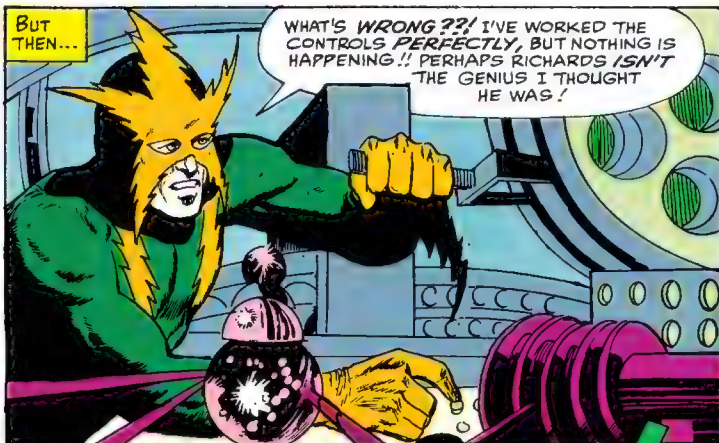


THIS WILL ONLY BE THE FIRST OF **MANY** TRIUMPHS FOR ME! NOTHING THAT LIVES CAN DEFEAT A MAN WHO IS MASTER OF ELECTRICITY!



NOW THAT HE'S SAFELY ABOARD, I NEED ONLY SEAL THE HATCH AND SET THE MISSILE FOR ITS LAUNCHING! THANKS TO THE UNWITTING GENIUS OF REED RICHARDS, THE WORLD WILL NEVER AGAIN SET EYES ON THE ONE CALLED **DAREDEVIL**!

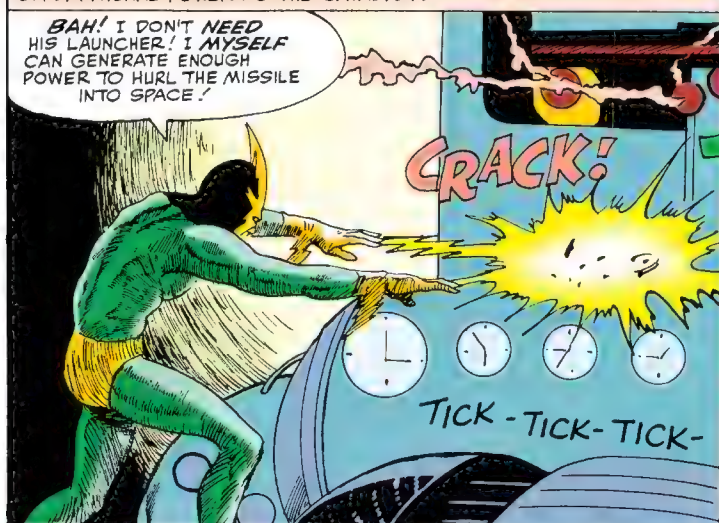




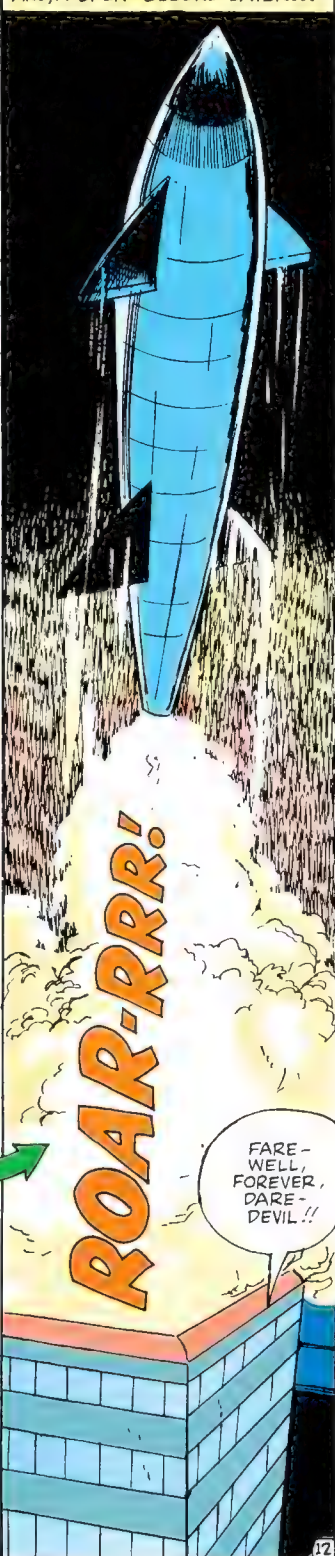
EVEN THE SHREWD, SLY ELECTRO DOES NOT SUSPECT THAT MR. FANTASTIC IS *MORE* BRILLIANT THAN HE THOUGHT ! FOR, TO GUARD AGAINST THE VERY ACT ELECTRO IS TRYING TO COMMIT, REED RICHARDS' LAUNCHING DEVICE WILL ONLY RESPOND TO A HUMAN BEING HAVING THE SAME MOLECULAR BODY STRUCTURE AS ONE OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR !!



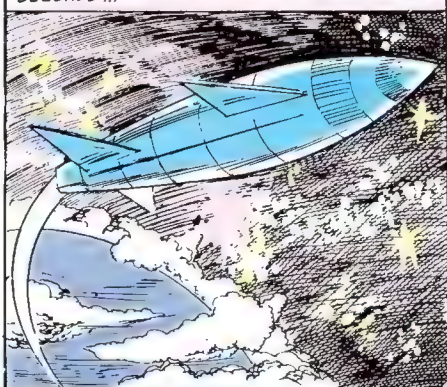
ANY *OTHER* ARCH-FOE WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPLESS TO ACTIVATE THE MIGHTY MISSILE, BUT *ELECTRO* IS DIFFERENT ! FOR WITHIN HIS OWN BODY HE POSSESSES ENOUGH ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO *FORCE* THE LAUNCHING DEVICE TO OPERATE ... USING HIS OWN SUPERNATURAL POWER AS THE CATALYST !



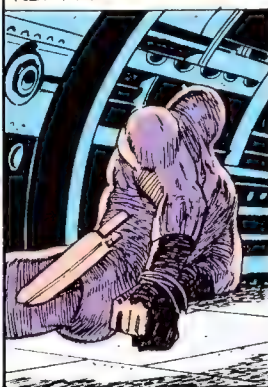
AND, A SPLIT-SECOND LATER...



SO QUICKLY IS THE ROCKET LAUNCHED... SO POWERFUL ARE THE MIGHTY JETS DESIGNED BY REED RICHARDS, THAT THE GLEAMING SLEEK SPACECRAFT REACHES THE EDGE OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IN A MATTER OF SHEER SECONDS !!!



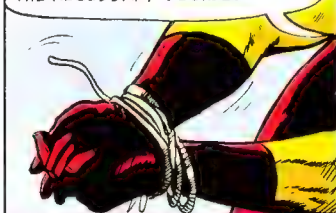
WHILE WITHIN ITS AIRTIGHT HULL, THE MAGNIFICENTLY MUSCLED BODY OF DARE-DEVIL BEGINS TO STIR, AS CONSCIOUSNESS SLOWLY RETURNS...



UNTIL... ELECTRO KNOCKED ME OUT! MY HANDS ARE TIED! I'VE GOT TO THINK... FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE! WHEREVER I AM, I'M ALONE! I HEAR NO OTHER HEARTBEATS... NO SOUND OF BREATHING!



FIRST, I MUST UNTIE MY HANDS! IT'S AN EASY MATTER FOR ONE WHOSE SENSE OF TOUCH IS SO KEEN THAT HE CAN FEEL EACH AND EVERY STRESS POINT OF THE KNOTTED CORD, AND LOOSEN THEM BY TENSING AND UNTENSING THE PROPER MUSCLES TO THE NECESSARY DEGREE! *



*NOTE: IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE GREAT MAGICIAN HARRY HOUDINI MAY HAVE USED THIS METHOD FOR HIS FAMOUS ESCAPE ACT... EDITOR.

ONCE FREE OF HIS BONDS, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR SOON REALIZES HIS DESPERATE PERIL!

THOSE HUMMING ROCKET ENGINES... THIS SENSATION OF LESSENING GRAVITY... MEAN ONLY ONE THING!!



ELECTRO HAS SHUT ME IN THE FF'S SPACE MISSILE AND LAUNCHED IT TOWARD THE STARS!!

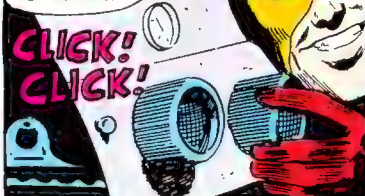


BUT MR. FANTASTIC ORIGINALLY DESIGNED THIS AS A MANNED ROCKET... SO IT MUST HAVE A CONTROL ROOM, WITH OPERATIONAL CONTROLS! IF I CAN WORK THEM IN TIME...!

IMAGINE A BLIND MAN OPERATING A SPACE SHIP!! NOT AS IMPOSSIBLE AS IT SEEMS IF THAT MAN CAN HEAR THE LEVERS MOVE, FEEL THE POWER NEEDED, SENSE THE DIRECTION OF FLIGHT!!

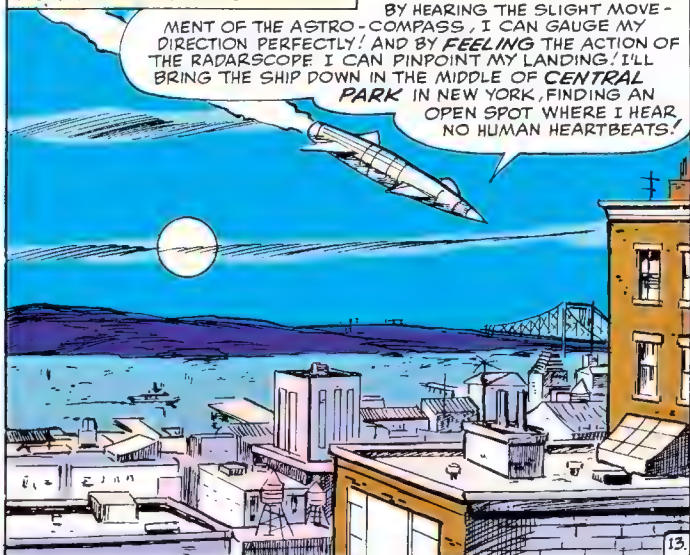


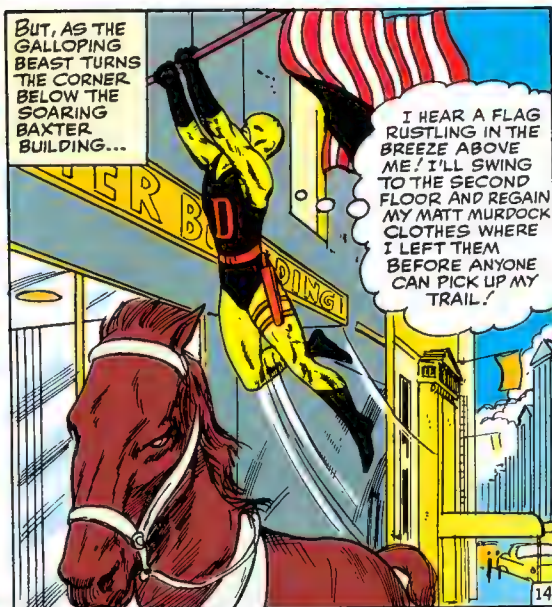
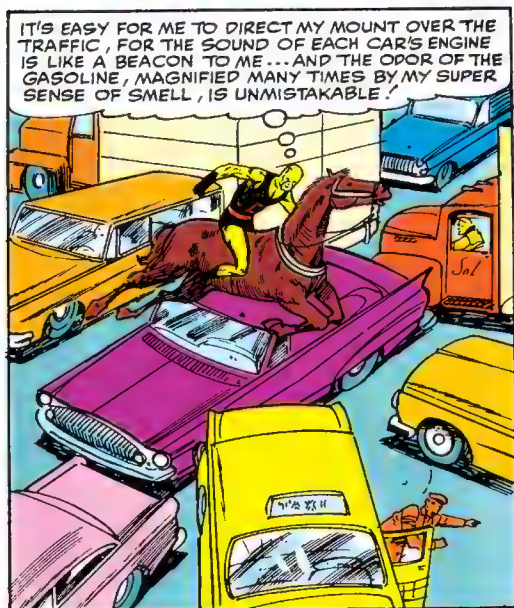
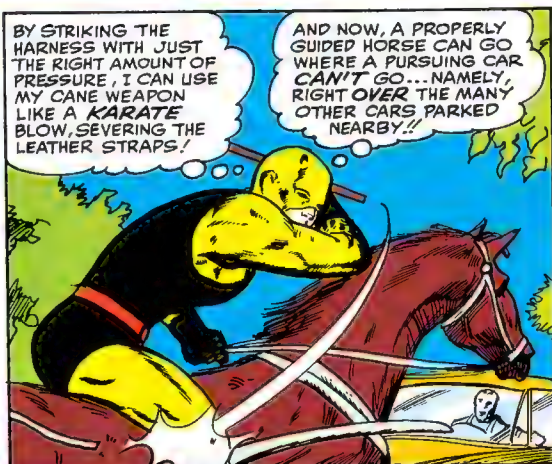
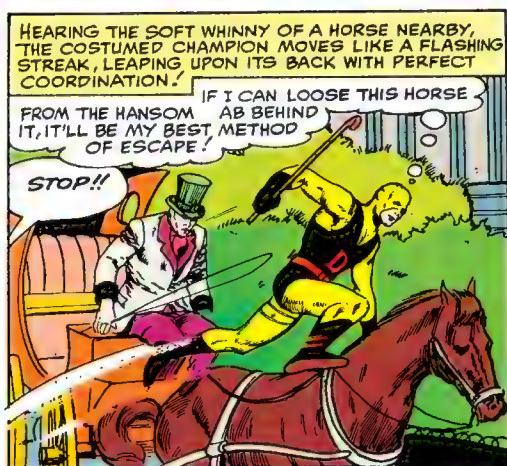
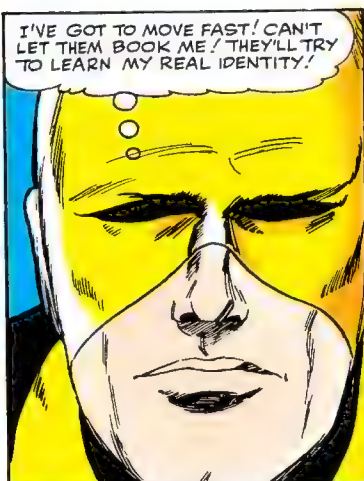
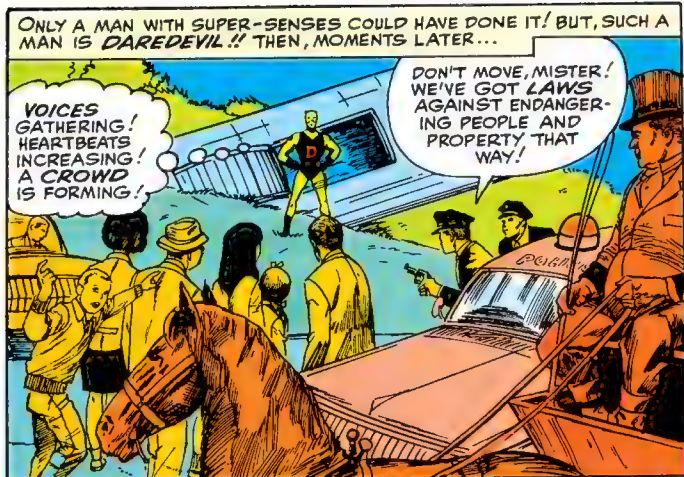
I'VE DONE IT! I'VE REVERSED THE MISSILE'S COURSE!!



AND THEN, THE MOST INCREDIBLE TASK OF ALL BEGINS... THE TASK OF **LANDING** THE POWERFUL SPACESHIP BACK ON EARTH WITHOUT INJURING ANY HAPLESS HUMANS!

BY HEARING THE SLIGHT MOVEMENT OF THE ASTRO-COMPASS, I CAN GAUGE MY DIRECTION PERFECTLY! AND BY FEELING THE ACTION OF THE RADARSCOPE I CAN PINPOINT MY LANDING! I'LL BRING THE SHIP DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF **CENTRAL PARK** IN NEW YORK, FINDING AN OPEN SPOT WHERE I HEAR NO HUMAN HEARTBEATS!

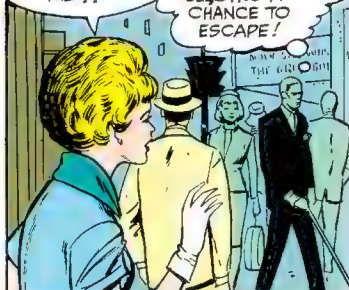




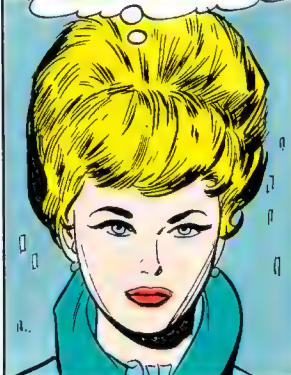
MINUTES LATER, THE HANDSOME FIGURE OF MATT MURDOCK SEEMS TO BLEND IN WITH THE PASSING CROWD, UNTIL A LOVELY VOICE, BELONGING TO AN EQUALLY LOVELY GIRL, CRIES OUT...

MR. MURDOCK!
IT'S KAREN!
MR. MURDOCK...
DON'T YOU HEAR
ME??

KAREN PAGE/ MY
SECRETARY!
CAN'T STOP NOW...
MUSTN'T GIVE
ELECTRO A
CHANCE TO
ESCAPE!

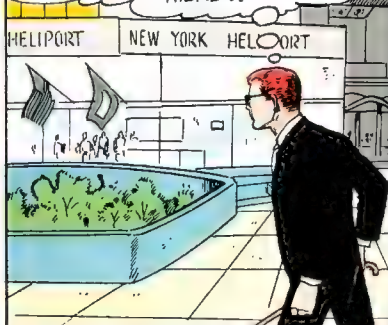


"I KNOW HE HEARD ME, BUT HE DELIBERATELY IGNORED ME! COULD I HAVE OFFENDED HIM WHEN I MENTIONED THAT OPERATION BEFORE??



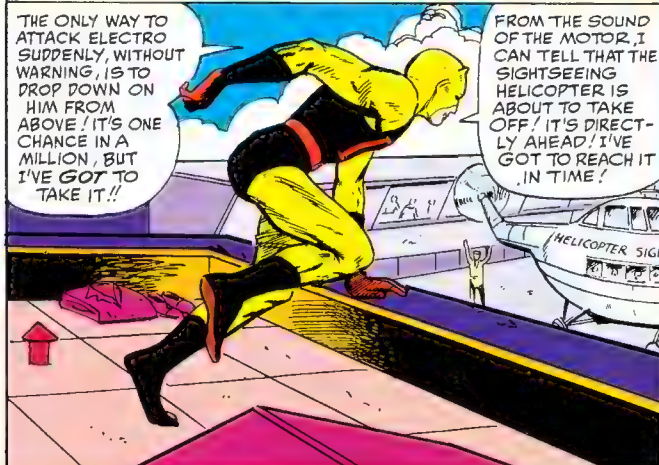
HOW STARTLED KAREN PAGE WOULD BE IF SHE KNEW THE **REAL** REASON THAT MATT MURDOCK RUSHED PAST HER!!

THERE IS NO WAY I CAN RETURN TO THE F.F. HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT ELECTRO BEING WARNED BY MR. FANTASTIC'S MANY SECRET ALARMS! OR, IS THERE??



TAKING THE ELEVATOR TO THE ROOF OF THE **HELIPORT** BUILDING, MATT QUICKLY CHANGES TO **DAREDEVIL** ONCE AGAIN, AND THEN...

THE ONLY WAY TO ATTACK ELECTRO SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING, IS TO DROP DOWN ON HIM FROM ABOVE! IT'S ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION, BUT I'VE GOT TO TAKE IT!!

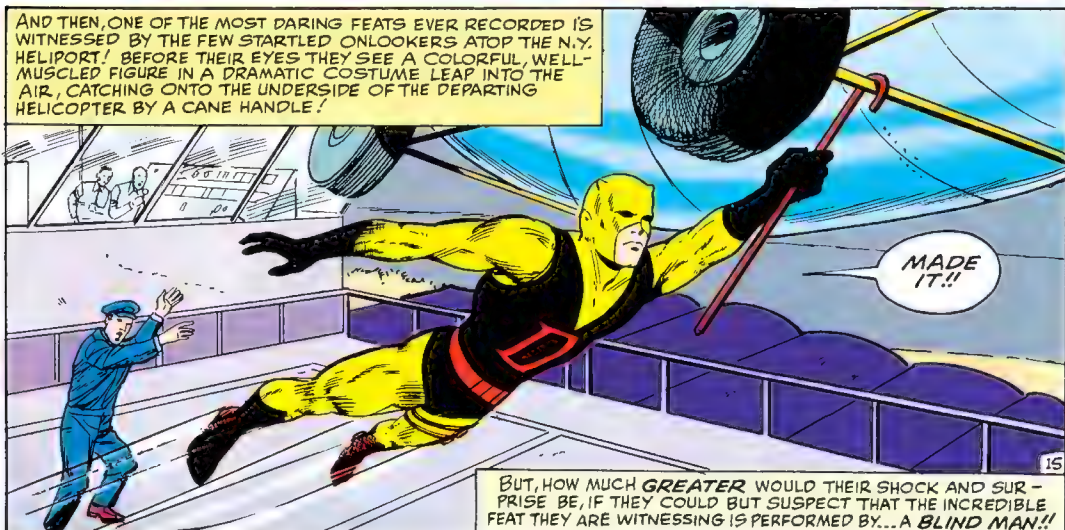


FROM THE SOUND OF THE MOTOR, I CAN TELL THAT THE SIGHTSEEING HELICOPTER IS ABOUT TO TAKE OFF! IT'S DIRECTLY AHEAD! I'VE GOT TO REACH IT IN TIME!

CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE! ELECTRO WON'T REMAIN ATOP THE BAXTER BUILDING FOREVER! IN FACT, I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE EVEN NOW!



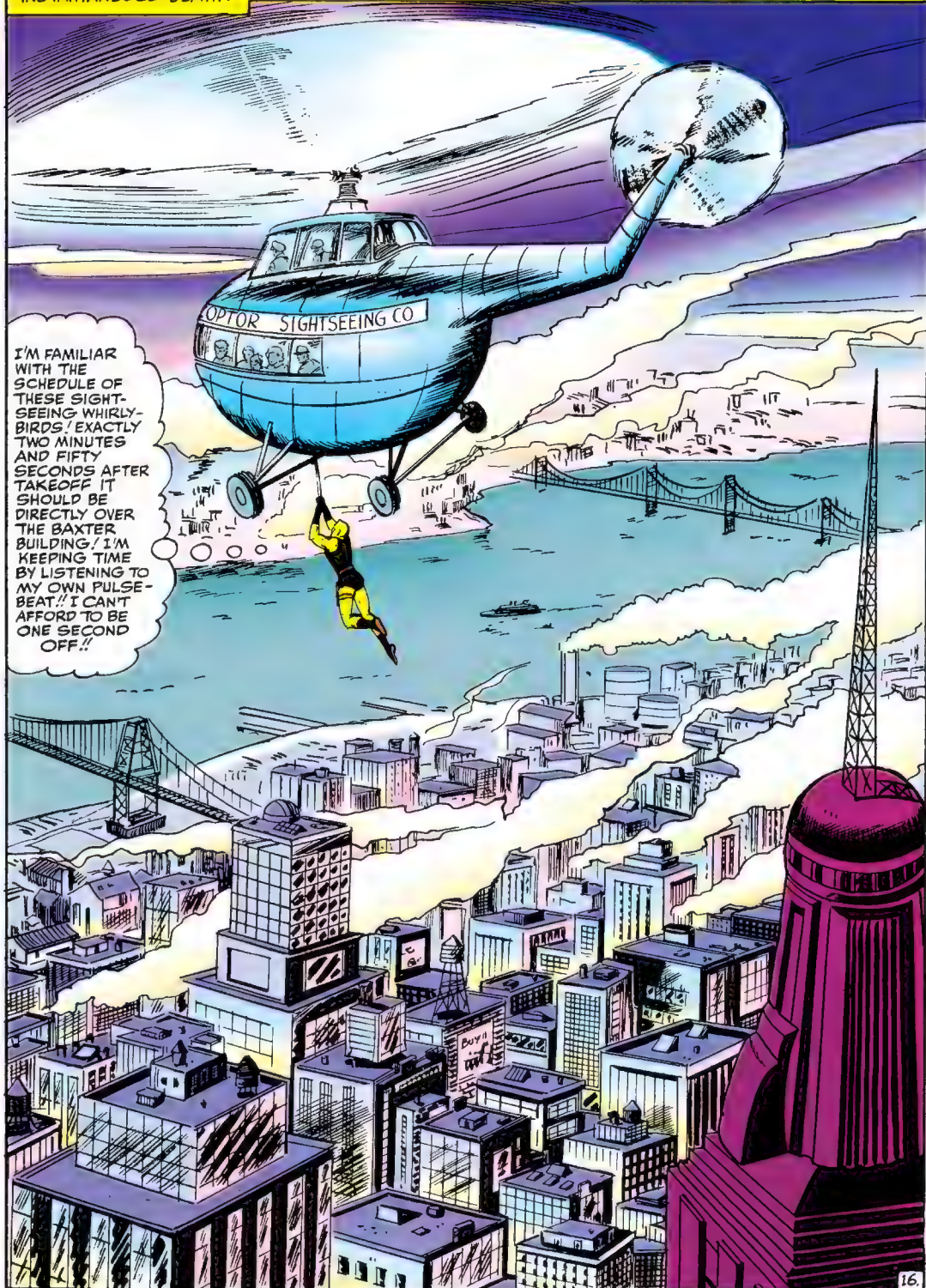
AND THEN, ONE OF THE MOST DARING FEATS EVER RECORDED IS WITNESSED BY THE FEW STARTLED ONLOOKERS ATOP THE N.Y. HELIPORT! BEFORE THEIR EYES THEY SEE A COLORFUL, WELL-MUSCLED FIGURE IN A DRAMATIC COSTUME LEAP INTO THE AIR, CATCHING ONTO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE DEPARTING HELICOPTER BY A CANE HANDLE!



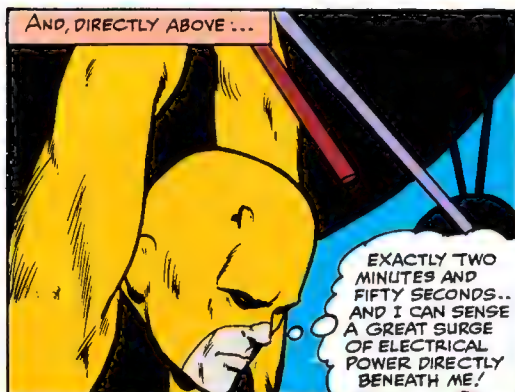
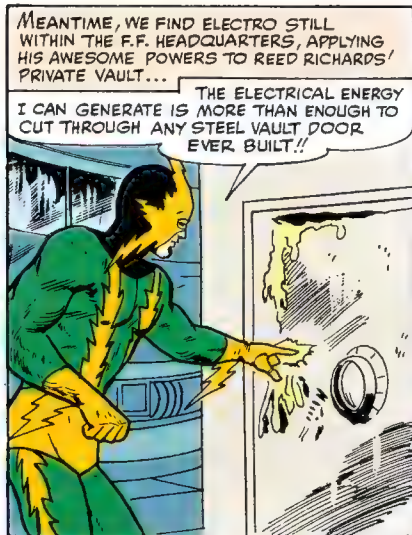
MADE IT!!

BUT, HOW MUCH **GREATER** WOULD THEIR SHOCK AND SURPRISE BE, IF THEY COULD BUT SUSPECT THAT THE INCREDIBLE FEAT THEY ARE WITNESSING IS PERFORMED BY... A **BLIND MAN**!!

HIGH OVER THE TOWERING SKYSCRAPERS OF NEW YORK SWINGS THE FEARLESS ADVENTURER, HIS EVERY SENSE ALERT... KNOWING THAT THE SLIGHTEST MISCALCULATION, THE SLIGHTEST MISHAP, WILL RESULT IN HIS INSTANTANEOUS DEATH!



I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE SCHEDULE OF THESE SIGHT-SEEING WHIRLY-BIRDS! EXACTLY TWO MINUTES AND FIFTY SECONDS AFTER TAKEOFF IT SHOULD BE DIRECTLY OVER THE BAXTER BUILDING! I'M KEEPING TIME BY LISTENING TO MY OWN PULSE-BEAT!! I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE ONE SECOND OFF!!

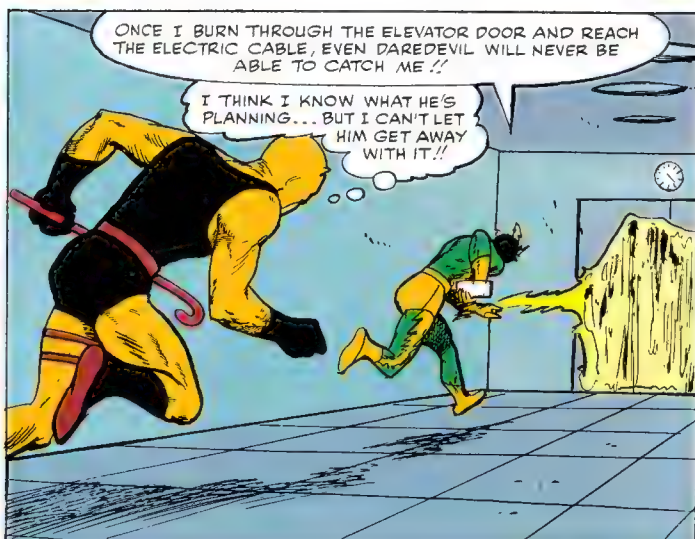




IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! NOBODY COULD HAVE ESCAPED FROM THAT MISSILE!! I SAW IT HEAD FOR SPACE MYSELF!!

NOBODY COULD HAVE ESCAPED... EXCEPT DAREDEVIL!!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO FIGHT YOU NOW! I'VE GOT WHAT I WANT!



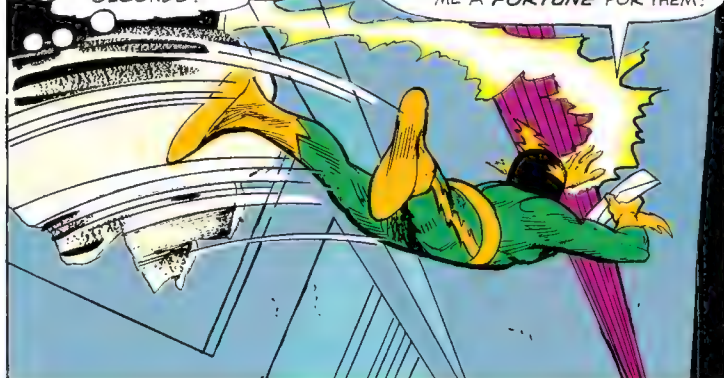
ONCE I BURN THROUGH THE ELEVATOR DOOR AND REACH THE ELECTRIC CABLE, EVEN DAREDEVIL WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CATCH ME!!

I THINK I KNOW WHAT HE'S PLANNING... BUT I CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT!!

I THOUGHT SO! I CAN TELL BY THE SOUND! HE'S SLIDING DOWN THE ELECTRIC CABLES BY MEANS OF HIS OWN ELECTRICAL POWER! HE'LL REACH THE STREET IN SECONDS!

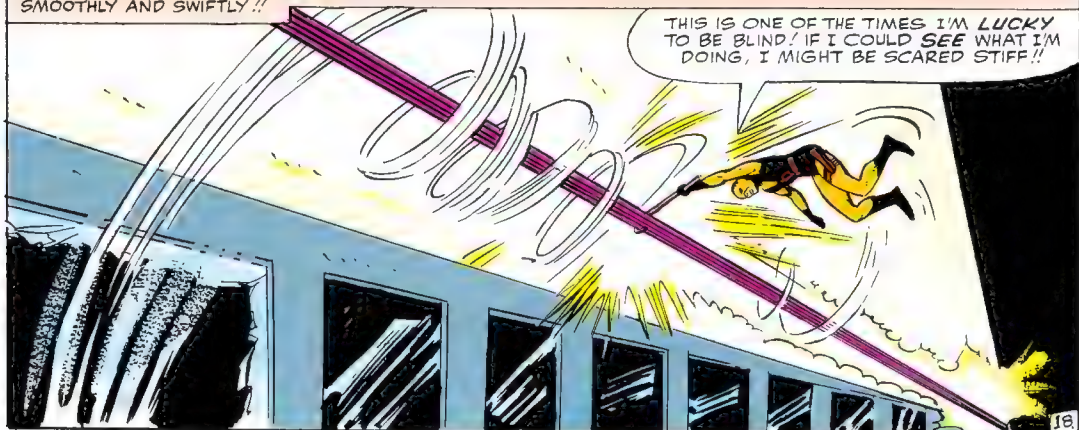
FAREWELL, DAREDEVIL!! IF YOU SHOULD SEE THE FANTASTIC FOUR, THANK THEM FOR THEIR SECRET FORMULAE! I'M SURE AN ENEMY NATION WILL PAY ME A FORTUNE FOR THEM!

SO! HE'S ESCAPING WITH THE F.F.'S SCIENTIFIC SECRETS!! NOW I DARE NOT LET HIM ESCAPE! OUR ENTIRE NATION'S SECURITY MAY BE AT STAKE!! WELL, WHERE ELECTRO CAN GO, DAREDEVIL CAN FOLLOW!!



WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR HURLS HIMSELF INTO THE ELEVATOR SHAFT, THIRTY-FIVE STORIES ABOVE STREET LEVEL!! THEN, WAVING HIS CANE FRANTICALLY, UNTIL THE CURVED HANDLE CATCHES ONTO THE ELEVATOR CABLE, HE SWINGS HIMSELF AROUND THE MOMENTUM OF HIS LUNGE CARRYING HIM 'ROUND AND 'ROUND THE CABLE LIKE A PIN-WHEEL, BREAKING HIS FALL AND ENABLING HIM TO MAKE HIS DESCENT SMOOTHLY AND SWIFTLY!!

THIS IS ONE OF THE TIMES I'M LUCKY TO BE BLIND! IF I COULD SEE WHAT I'M DOING, I MIGHT BE SCARED STIFF!!



SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE TWO ANTAGONISTS HAVE REACHED THE STREET...

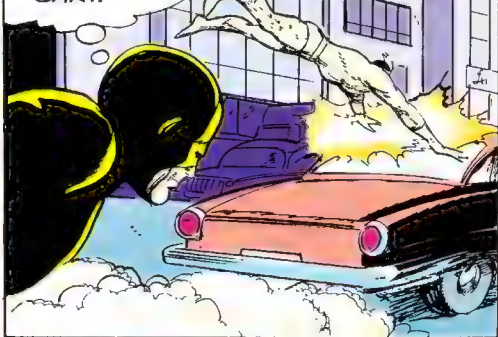
NO MATTER WHERE HE RUNS, THE SOUND OF HIS RACING FEET IS LIKE DRUMBEATS TO MY EARS!

IT'S INCREDIBLE!! I HAVE ALL THE POWERS OF ELECTRICITY AT MY COMMAND, AND YET DAREDEVIL, WITH NOTHING BUT HIS OWN SKILL AND STRENGTH, MANAGES TO THWART ME AT EVERY TURN!



I'LL USE MY ELECTRIC MAGNETISM TO HITCH A RIDE ATOP THIS CAR! THIS IS *ONE* FEAT THAT DAREDEVIL WON'T BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE!!

THE FOOTSTEPS HAVE STOPPED! IT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING! HE'S HOPPED ONTO A CAR!!



LUCKILY I CAN STILL SENSE ELECTRICAL VIBRATIONS! THEY'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO GUIDE ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION! I HAVEN'T LOST HIM YET!



A CAR WON'T HELP ELECTRO IN THIS MIDTOWN NEW YORK TRAFFIC! I CAN MAKE *FASTER* TIME BY RUNNING FROM ROOF TO ROOF WHILE THEY ALL STOP FOR THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS!

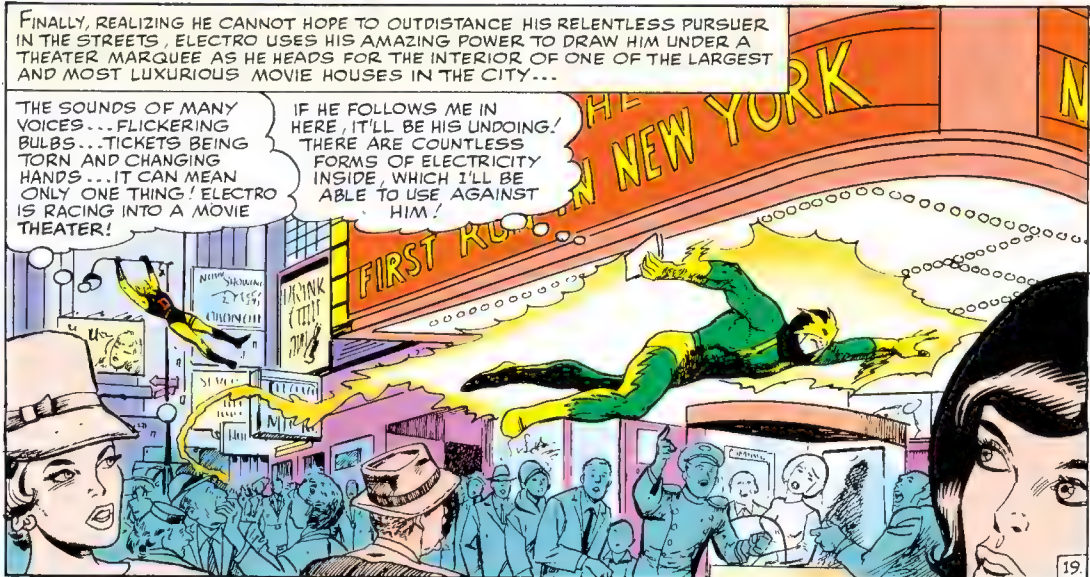


GUIDED BY THE POWERFUL ELECTRIC EMANATIONS FROM HIS BODY, I CAN'T MISS HIM!

FINALLY, REALIZING HE CANNOT HOPE TO OUTDISTANCE HIS RELENTLESS PURSUER IN THE STREETS, ELECTRO USES HIS AMAZING POWER TO DRAW HIM UNDER A THEATER MARQUEE AS HE HEADS FOR THE INTERIOR OF ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS MOVIE HOUSES IN THE CITY...

THE SOUNDS OF MANY VOICES...FLICKERING BULBS...TICKETS BEING TORN AND CHANGING HANDS...IT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING! ELECTRO IS RACING INTO A MOVIE THEATER!

IF HE FOLLOWS ME IN HERE, IT'LL BE HIS UNDOING! THERE ARE COUNTLESS FORMS OF ELECTRICITY INSIDE, WHICH I'LL BE ABLE TO USE AGAINST HIM!

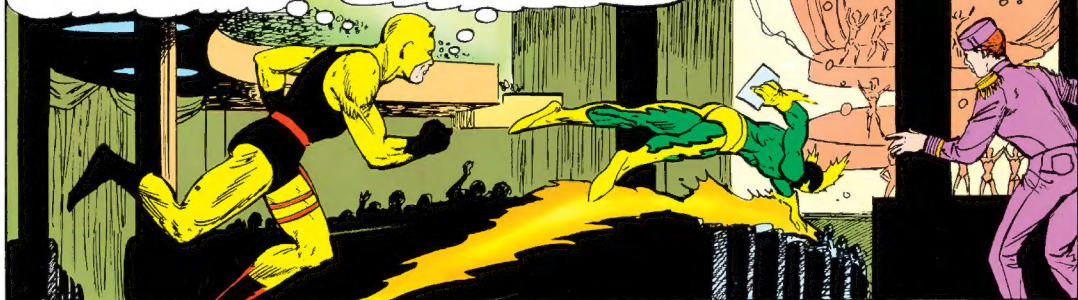


THEN, INSIDE THE PALATIAL SHOWPLACE, WHERE A STAGE REVUE IS IN PROGRESS...

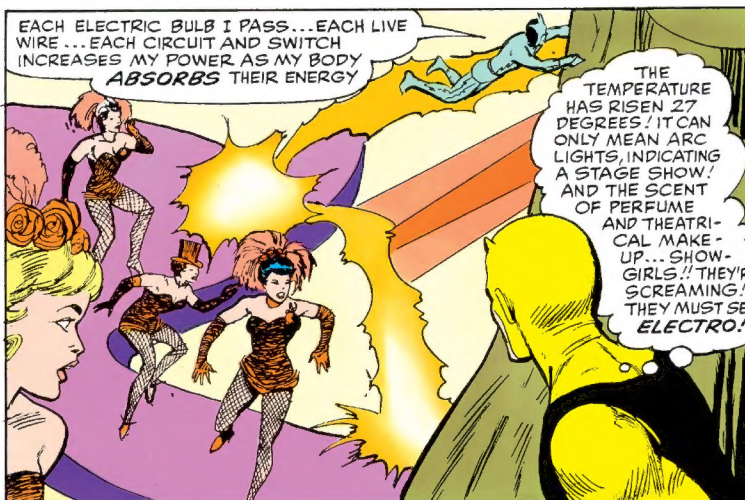
I CAN SMELL BURNING IONS! IT'S INCREDIBLE! ELECTRO IS PROPELLING HIMSELF TOWARDS THE STAGE BY THE ELECTRICAL ATTRACTION OF THE METAL SEAT PLATES IN THE THEATER AISLE!

THE ELECTRIC CHARGE OF HIS BODY IS SO POWERFUL THAT I CAN ESTIMATE HIS EXACT SPEED... AND THE SOUND OF HIS OVER-ACTIVE PULSE RATE IS ENOUGH TO LEAD ME UNERRINGLY AFTER HIM!

MAY I SEE YOUR TICKET, PLEASE? I SAID...I...I...
= ULP! =



EACH ELECTRIC BULB I PASS...EACH LIVE WIRE...EACH CIRCUIT AND SWITCH INCREASES MY POWER AS MY BODY ABSORBS THEIR ENERGY



THE TEMPERATURE HAS RISEN 27 DEGREES! IT CAN ONLY MEAN ARC LIGHTS, INDICATING A STAGE SHOW! AND THE SCENT OF PERFUME AND THEATRICAL MAKE-UP... SHOW-GIRLS!! THEY'RE SCREAMING! THEY MUST SEE ELECTRO!

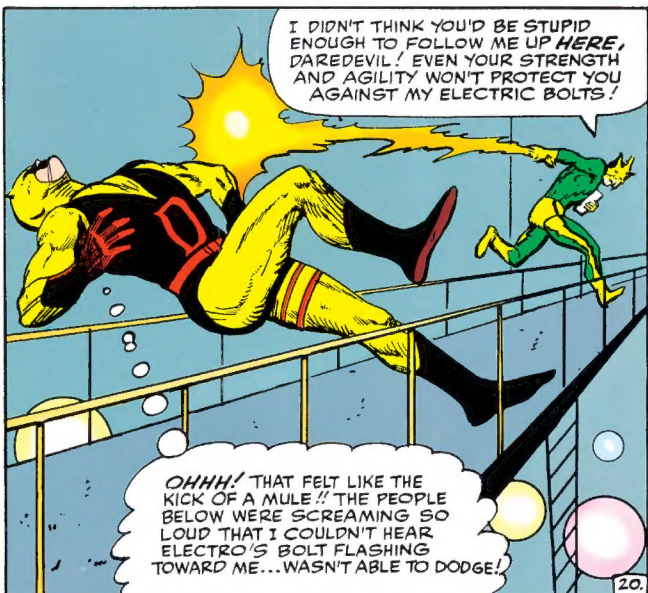
FROM THE SOUND OF THE GIRLS' CRIES, THEIR HEADS ARE TILTED BACK! THEY'RE LOOKING UP!! I HEAR A RUSTLING IN THE CURTAINS ABOVE ME! ELECTRO MUST BE ON THE CATWALK OVERHEAD!



WITH ALL THE GUIDE ROPES AND CABLES HANGING IN THE WINGS, EVEN A MAN WITHOUT SIGHT CAN MAKE HIS WAY ABOVE EASILY ENOUGH!



I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE STUPID ENOUGH TO FOLLOW ME UP HERE, DAREDEVIL! EVEN YOUR STRENGTH AND AGILITY WON'T PROTECT YOU AGAINST MY ELECTRIC BOLTS!

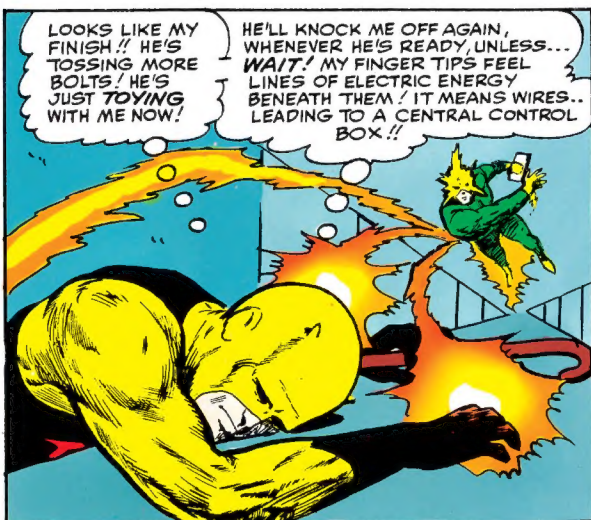


OH!! THAT FELT LIKE THE KICK OF A MULE!! THE PEOPLE BELOW WERE SCREAMING SO LOUD THAT I COULDN'T HEAR ELECTRO'S BOLT FLASHING TOWARD ME... WASN'T ABLE TO DODGE!



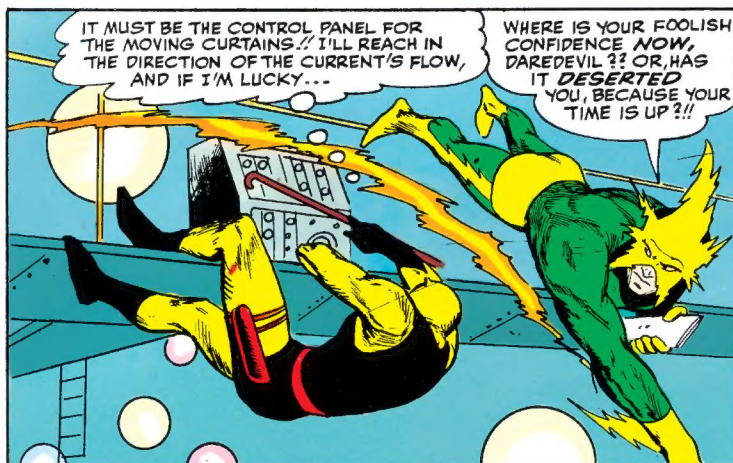
I'M **FALLING!**
HAVE TO REACH
OUT WITH MY
CANE HANDLE...
FAST!!

I'M IN LUCK!!
CAUGHT ON TO
SOMETHING!



LOOKS LIKE MY
FINISH!! HE'S
TOSSEING MORE
BOLTS / HE'S
JUST **TOYING**
WITH ME NOW!

HE'LL KNOCK ME OFF AGAIN,
WHENEVER HE'S READY, UNLESS...
WAIT! MY FINGER TIPS FEEL
LINES OF ELECTRIC ENERGY
BENEATH THEM! IT MEANS WIRES...
LEADING TO A CENTRAL CONTROL
BOX!!

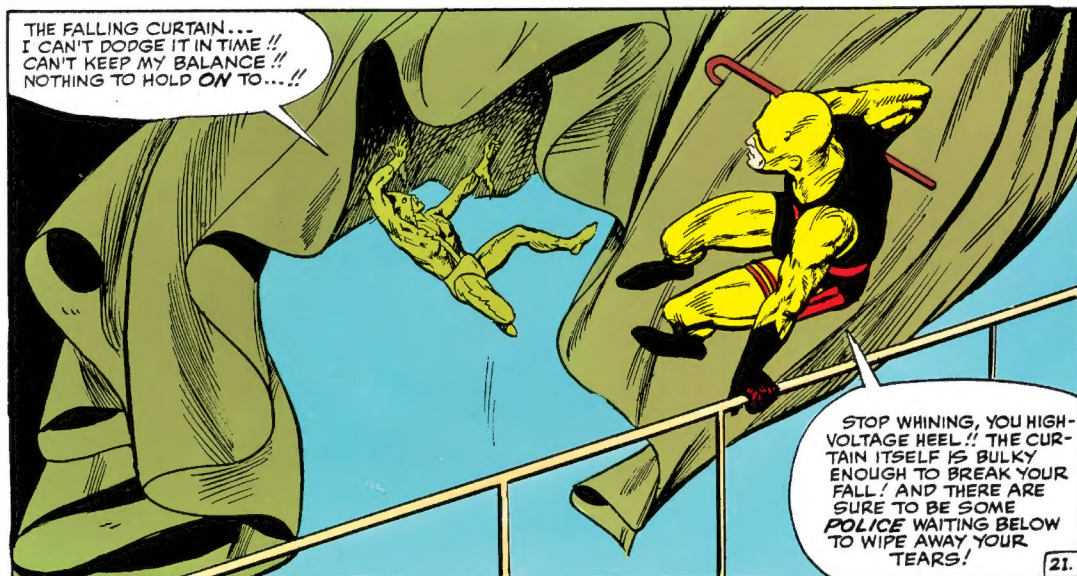


IT MUST BE THE CONTROL PANEL FOR
THE MOVING CURTAINS!! I'LL REACH IN
THE DIRECTION OF THE CURRENT'S FLOW,
AND IF I'M LUCKY...

WHERE IS YOUR FOOLISH
CONFIDENCE **NOW**,
DAREDEVIL?? OR HAS
IT **DESERTED**
YOU, BECAUSE YOUR
TIME IS UP??!



AND NOW, I'VE **TIRED** OF THIS
GAME! AND SO, I'LL FINISH
YOU OFF, AND... **WHA...** ??
WHAT'S **THAT??** OH...
NO!



THE FALLING CURTAIN...
I CAN'T DODGE IT IN TIME!!
CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE!!
NOTHING TO HOLD ON TO...!!

STOP WHINING, YOU HIGH-
VOLTAGE HEEL!! THE CUR-
TAIN ITSELF IS BULKY
ENOUGH TO BREAK YOUR
FALL! AND THERE ARE
SURE TO BE SOME
POLICE WAITING BELOW
TO WIPE AWAY YOUR
TEARS!

AND DAREDEVIL'S PREDICTION PROVES TO BE CORRECT! FOR, BY THE TIME THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR REACHES THE STAGE ...

KEEP THAT WATER ON HIM! HE'S HELPLESS IF HE'S SHORT-CIRCUITED!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, DAREDEVIL! YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF ME!

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE MASKED VILLAIN! YOU PROFESSIONAL BAD GUYS MUST ALL STUDY YOUR SPEECHES OUT OF THE SAME TEXT-BOOKS!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, THE COLORFUL ADVENTURER IS BACK AT F.F. HEAD-QUARTERS, PERFORMING A WELDING JOB WHICH EVEN A SIGHTED EXPERT WOULD BE PROUD OF!

THERE! RICHARDS' SAFE IS AS GOOD AS NEW AGAIN!

NOW I'LL START WORK ON THE LEASE, AND... TOO LATE! I HEAR THE FANTASTI-CAR NEARBY!

RACING FROM THE BAXTER BUILDING TOWER LIKE A SILENT WRAITH, DAREDEVIL QUICKLY CHANGES BACK TO HIS EVERY-DAY IDENTITY, AND... WITHIN MINUTES...

ANYONE KNOW WHERE A FELLA CAN FIND A GOOD LAWYER?

MR. MURDOCK! YOU'RE BACK!

HI, MATT! EVERY-THING ALL TAKEN CARE OF?

BUT, BEFORE THE HANDSOME ATTORNEY CAN ANSWER...

MURDOCK, WE WANNA SUE SOME-BODY! WHILE WE WERE GONE, SOME NUT BUSTED OUR SKYLIGHT, AND...

OH NOOOO! NOT AGAIN!!

IT..IT'S THE THING, MR. MURDOCK!

THANKS, KAREN! BUT SOME-HOW I FEEL I WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT!!

MR. GRIMM, WHY DON'T YOU TRY WRITING US A LETTER NEXT TIME?!

CRUNCH

WE'LL REPLACE THAT DOOR FOR YOU, MURDOCK! AND NOW, MAY WE HAVE YOUR REPORT ABOUT OUR LEASE?

I'M SORRY, MR. RICHARDS! I, EH, JUST DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GET TO IT, YET!

IS ZAT SO? WHAT DO THEY CALL YOUR OUTFIT ANYWAY...THE LIGHTNIN' BOYS??

NOW, NOW! IF YOU'LL JUST BE PATIENT, I'M SURE MY PARTNER CAN EXPLAIN!

NEVER MIND! WE'LL FIND SOME OTHER LAWYERS...WHO WORK A BIT FASTER!

MATT...HOW COULD YOU LOSE US FOUR FAMOUS CLIENTS LIKE THEM??

IT WASN'T EASY, PARTNER! BELIEVE ME!!

POOR MATT! HIS CLIENTS GONE...HIS PARTNER DISAPPOINTED...ELECTRO OUT TO GET HIM...AND THIS WAS A SUCCESSFUL ADVENTURE! IMAGINE IF HE EVER FAILED! ANYWAY, MORE THRILLS, GUEST STARS, AND SURPRISES NEXT ISH! DAREDEVIL WILL BE EXPECTING YOU!!

The End

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